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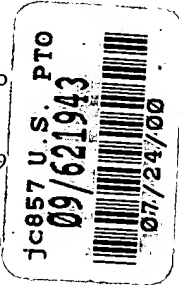
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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on February 19, 1998 at Reel/Frame 9012/0254.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

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- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
- Information Disclosure Statement: Applicant calls attention to documents listed on attached form PTO-892 (2 pages) from parent case. Per Rule 97(d) copies of those documents are not provided.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/026,888, filed February 19, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Priority under 35 USC §119 is claimed based on Japanese application no. 9-53843, filed February 20, 1997.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert—This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/026,888, filed February 19, 1998.

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